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WASHINGTON, June 20, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 15 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 1.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 412.9 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 15 totaled 390,762, down 4.0 percent from last year, and 0.6 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.6 percent in the West, but down 9.9 percent in the East and 6.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,343 cars (6.4 percent). Eleven of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 8 totaled 89,161 trailers and/or containers, 0.8 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 1,936,170 trailers and/or containers, down 3.5 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/15/85:

	Loadings in Week ended June 15, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	22,745	D	1,309	5.4	I	475	2.1
Other farm products	4,155	I	385	10.2	D	54	1.3
Metallic ores	19,330	I	234	1.2	I	1,052	5.8
Coal	118,223	D	7,409	5.9	D	684	0.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,346	I	504	3.9	D	919	6.4
Nonmetallic minerals	11,125	D	1,687	13.2	D	873	7.3
Grain mill products	10,353	I	290	2.9	I	29	0.3
Food and kindred products	10,994	I	256	2.4	I	44	0.4
Primary forest products	11,973	D	1,756	12.8	I	36	0.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,614	I	403	5.6	I	71	0.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,536	D	1,322	8.9	D	239	1.7
Chemicals and allied products	22,324	D	714	3.1	D	948	4.1
Petroleum products	5,056	I	221	4.6	I	425	9.2
Stone, clay and glass products	10,951	D	642	5.5	D	604	5.2
Coke	4,768	D	1,247	20.7	I	137	3.0
Metals and products	9,048	D	731	7.5	D	572	5.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,345	I	1,343	6.4	I	89	0.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,613	D	998	10.4	I	357	4.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,375	D	839	11.6	I	233	3.8
All other carloads	57,768	D	1,279	2.2	D	328	0.6
LCL traffic	120	D	117	49.4	D	22	15.5
Total Cars Loaded	390,762	D	16,414	4.0	D	2,295	0.6
Corresponding week of 1984	407,176						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	8,969,498	9,470,433	D 5.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
23 Weeks ended June 8	394.8	410.6	D 3.8
Week ended June 15	18.1	18.4	D 1.6
24 weeks cumulative	412.9	429.0	D 3.7

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